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(b) the total number ofFieldmen and others employed;

(c) how many of them are permanent; and

(d) how many of them are Harijans?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Two Blocks.

" (b) 47.

" (c) 3.

" (d) 1."

SRI D. DASARATHAN :—" What are the functions of the Fieldmen and the qualifications required for those posts? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Fieldmen have been taken from the existing Services. The Fieldmen in the National Extension Service area are to serve as Gram Sevaks. They have, in fact, been absorbed as Gram Sevaks."

Amount of loan sanctioned to the Cuddalore Co-operative House Building Society.

* 408 Q.—SRI D. DASARATHAN (on behalf of Sri A. Ratnam): Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state the amount of loan and subsidy given to House Building Co-operative Societies at Cuddalore, South Arcot district, so far?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" There is only one House Building Co-operative Society at Cuddalore. The amount of loan sanctioned to the Cuddalore Co-operative House Building Society up to 23rd February 1954 is Rs. 3,12,500. No subsidy is given to Housing Societies. The Government have sanctioned the post of a Co-operative Sub-Registrar at half cost to work as Secretary to the Society for six months from 23rd December 1953."

' Tablik Jamath ' a Muslim religious organization.

* 409 Q.—SRI AIYANAR (on behalf of Sri B. R. M. Muthu Thevar): Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether a religious organization called ' Tablik Jamath ' in place of Muslim League of the Madras State is carrying on political propaganda indirectly;

(b) whether ' Tablik Jamath ' has applied for registration in the State under the Societies' Registration Act;

(c) whether the ' Tablik Jamath ' organization is carrying on propaganda in this State in support of the *U.S.-Pakistan Arms Pact*; and

(d) why the Government have not banned the organization and its propaganda?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) to (*c*) No, Sir.

" (*d*) The question does not arise."

Strike in the Neiveli Lignite Mines Project.

* 410 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state —

(*a*) whether there was any strike towards the end of January 1954 in the Neiveli Lignite Mines Project; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir. There was a partial strike in the quarry of the Lignite Investigation Project at Neiveli on 30th January 1954.

" (*b*) At about 5 a.m. on 30th January 1954 there was a Tournapull-Euclid accident in the quarry. One Shanmugham, a trainee, was responsible for the accident. The Officer-in-charge, Lignite Investigation, took Shanmugham to task and handed him over to the Security guards. This provoked some of the South Indian Labourers who wanted the trainee to be released. As the Officer-in-charge refused to accede to their request, the labourers went on strike.

The Tournapull-Euclid has since been repaired and Mr. Shanmugham has been taken back to work on 1st February 1954."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" எதிர்பாராத விதமாக நேரிட்ட ஆபத்து, அதற்கும் ஷண்முகம்தான் காரணம் என்று அங்கு இருக்கும் Chief Engineer அந்த டிரெயினி ஆபரேடரின் கைகால்களைக் கட்டி பல மணி நேரம் வெய்யிலிலே உருட்டி, வீட்டில் அடைத்து வைத்தது சர்க்காருக்கு ஏதாவது தெரியுமா ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government are convinced that Mr. Shanmugham was responsible for the accident. Sir, at 5 a.m. on 30th January 1954, Sri A. Chinnappa, operator of the Tournapull working in the night shift left the machine to have a cup of tea. During his absence, Mr. Shanmugham, a trainee, who was learning to operate the Tournapull, set the machinery in motion, though, it was reported, that Mr. Chinnappa had instructed Mr. Shanmugham not to meddle with the machinery till he returned after tea.

" I have no information as regards the latter part of the question."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" இந்த டிரெயினி ஆபரேட்டரினால் இயந்திரத்திற்கு ஏதாவது பழுது ஏற்பட்டிருக்கலாம். குற்றம் செய்தவர்களை தண்டிப்பதற்கு அதற்காக சட்டதிட்டங்கள் இருக்கும் போது, அதற்குமாறாக அவருடைய கைகால்களைக் கட்டி வெய்யிலிலே தள்ளி, வீட்டிற்குள்ளே பூட்டி வைப்பது முறையா ? சாதாரணமாக குற்றம் செய்தவர்களை போலீஸ் அதிகாரியிடம் ஒப்படைப்பதுதானே முறை. இதையெல்லாம் தீர ஆலோசனை செய்து விசாரணை செய்ய சர்க்கார் முன் வருவார்களா ?"